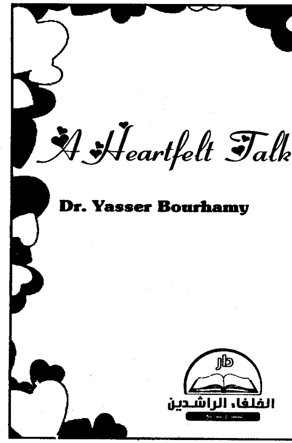
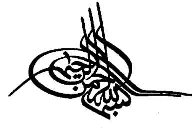


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In the name of Allah,
the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

INTRODUCTION

All praise is due to Allah, and I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship but Him Alone. I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ[1] is His servant and messenger[2].

For those women who are pleased with Allah as their Lord, Islam as their religion, and Muhammad ﷺ as their messenger…

For those women who yearn for a garden whose width is that of the heavens and the earth. For those who fear a fire whose fuel is men and stones.

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(1) Peace be upon him.
(2) The English translation of the *Shahada* (the testimony of faith), which can be declared as: "*ASH-HADU ANLA ELAHA ILLA-ALLAH WA ASH-HADU ANNA MOHAMMADAN RASUL-ALLAH*". (The translator)

For all those ...

We speak to them out of their love for Allah ﷻ[1], His Messenger ﷺ, and Islam.

We call to the sound natural character deep inside of them – "Respond, to the call of justice!

"It is not for a believer, man or woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should have any option in their decision. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, he has indeed strayed into a plain error." (V.33:36)

Every Muslim, man or woman, has no options and no opinions after the decision of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ.

(1) Glory be to him.

My sister, you may ask:

"Why should I wear the *hijab* [1] ?!"

The answer is that the *hijab* of the Muslim woman is an obligation upon her, just as praying, fasting and many other Islamic acts are obligations. Allah ﷻ states:

"O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies. That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed. And Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (V.33:59)

(1) *Hijab*: literally "cover/veil". It describes the self-covering of the body for the purposes of modesty and dignity. Broadly, it should be regarded as a prescribed system of attitudes and behavior regarding modesty and dignity. (The translator)

Allah also states:

"and to draw their veils all over Juyoobihinna (i.e. their bodies, faces, necks and bosoms.)" **(V.24:31)**

The *hijab* is Purity

Allah ﷻ said:

"And when you ask (his wives) for anything you want, ask them from behind hijab: that is purer for your hearts and for their hearts." **(V.33:53)**

In the above verse, Allah describes the *hijab* as "purity" for the hearts of Muslims, both men and women.

The *hijab* is Righteousness

Allah ﷻ states:

"O Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover yourselves (screen your private parts)

and as an adornment; and the raiment of righteousness, that is better. Such are among the Ayaat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah, that they may remember (i.e. leave falsehood and follow truth)." **(V.7:26)**

The *hijab* is Belief

Allah ﷻ addresses His words about the *hijab* solely to those women who have belief. In Surat an-Nur - ***"And tell the believing women..."*** **(V .24:31)**

And in Surat al-Ahzab-"...***and the women of the believers...."*** **(V.33:59)**

Aisha, the wife of the Prophet ﷺ, (may Allah be pleased with her) also referred to the *hijab* as belief when she addressed some women from the tribe of Bani Tameem who were wearing light clothes. They were improperly dressed. She said: "If indeed you are believing women, then

truly this is not the dress of believing women. If you are not believing women, then enjoy it."[1]

Allah has warned the believing women from the danger of displaying their adornment:

"And do not display yourselves like that of the times of ignorance" (V.33:33)

To display one's adornment is one of the principles of Satan.

"O Children of Adam! Let not Shaytaan (Satan) deceive you, as he got your parents [Adam and Hawwa' (Eve)] out of Paradise, stripping them of their raiments, to show them their private parts."(V.7:27)

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(1) Narrated by Abu Dawud (4029), Ibn Majah (3668), and declared *hassan* by Al-Albanee in The Hijab p. (110).

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ warned of this in the following *hadeeth*:

"Two are the types of the denizens of Hell whom I did not see: people having flogs like the tails of the ox with them and they would be beating people, and the women who would be dressed but appear to be naked, who would be inclined (to evil) and make their husbands incline towards it. Their heads would be like the humps of the camel inclined to one side. They will not enter Paradise and they would not smell its odor whereas its odor would be smelt from such and such distance."[1]

(1) Narrated by Muslim (2128), Ahmed (8451) and Malik (1694).

O Muslim Woman

*Don't say: "I have confidence in myself." No matter how high your character is and how good your manners are, you will never be better than Fatima Al-Zahra' (the daughter of the Prophet ﷺ.) He ordered her to wear *hijab*.

*Don't say: "I will wear the *hijab* when I am convinced." What more do you need than the words of Allah and His Messenger to be convinced?

*Don't say: "My heart is white, and my intention is pure." If your heart is upright, then your organs will be upright as well.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Beware! There is a piece of flesh in the body if it becomes good (reformed) the whole body becomes good but if it gets spoilt the whole body gets spoilt and that is the heart."(1)

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhari (52) and Muslim (1599).

*Don't say: "My clothes are decent. Moderation is the best." Allah is the Legislator. He has only decreed the best for us. It is not up to us to decide what is moderate.

*Don't say: "I will wear it when I get married." Allah ordered you to wear it now, not when you get married. Allah made pure men for pure women. In order to choose a pure husband who is devoted to Allah and protective of his family, you must be a pure woman.

How odd !!

There is no doubt that those girls who delay wearing the *hijab* in an effort to hasten their marriage, actually take a longer time to get married.

Dear Muslim sister:

You are trying to obey Allah and His Messenger. You are wearing the *hijab* for

the sake of God. You are hoping that Allah will reward you with a Paradise whose width is as wide as the heavens and the earth. You have taken a great step towards Allah, the Most Merciful.

But you should know that the correct *hijab* is not just a piece of cloth that it draped on your head. No. The *hijab* is so much more than that. It is a safeguard for the woman who wears it. It is a crown on her body that decorates her - outside and inside. And above all, it is obedience to Allah. As any other obedience to Allah, the *hijab* has certain conditions to be correct, and therefore, acceptable.

The Conditions of Wearing Proper *hijab*

1. Your intention in wearing *hijab* must be for God's sake and in obedience to His command. You cannot wear the *hijab* to be warm on a chilly day, for example, or to veil a wound or burn. You cannot wear it just to please your parents, your husband, or the people around you. You must wear *hijab* to please Allah alone.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended"(1). Each one of us should search inside of herself and reform her intentions in wearing *hijab*.

2. The *hijab* that is worn must be worn according to the *sunnah* (the way of the Prophet). This includes the way that he

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhari (1), and Muslim (3530).

ordered it to be worn and the way his wives and the wives of the believers wore it.

3. The *hijab* that is worn must cover the whole body. As for the face and hands, it is more proper that they are covered. Some scholars say that it is obligatory and others say that it is praiseworthy. However, if there is fear of temptation, which will be caused by her or inflicted upon her, then she must cover her face and the hands according to the consensus of the scholars.

4. The *hijab* that is worn must be loose and not tight-fitting. It should not be descriptive of her body. Nothing should show through it.

Also, the head-scarf must be long and hang loosely to cover the head and the neck area.

Imam Ahmed narrated in his *Musnad* with a weak chain of narrators that Usama Ibn Zayd ﷺ said: "Allah's Messenger gave me a gift of thick Coptic cloth, so I gave it to my wife to use for her clothing. The Prophet ﷺ asked me: "Why don't you wear the Coptic cloth?" I replied: "I gave it to my wife to wear." The Prophet ﷺ then said: "Tell her to wear a gown underneath it, for I fear that it might reveal the size and shape of her body."[1]

The purpose of the *hijab* is to be a safeguard against temptation. Tight-fitting clothes, on the other hand, describe the size and form of the body; making her figuratively undressed in the eyes of any man who chooses to look. Such clothing results in corruption and mischief, rather than acting as a safeguard.

It is amazing that a Muslim woman would accept to wear tight clothes such as

(1) Narrated by Ahmed (20787), (20789).

stretched suits, pants, skin-tight body suits, and other disasters that our time has been afflicted with. It is actually *prohibited* for her to appear in such clothing in front of her parents and siblings, as it outlines the thigh - which is *awrah* (prohibited to be shown except to the husband) according to the consensus of the scholars. What is amazing is that some women in our times appear in the streets in clothing that has actually been prohibited to be worn in front of her *mahrams* (the male relatives who are prohibited to her in marriage.)

The Prophet said: "Two are the types of the denizens of Hell whom I did not see: ..., and the women who would be dressed but appear to be naked, who would be inclined (to evil) and make their husbands incline towards it. Their heads would be like the humps of the camel inclined to one side. They will not enter Paradise and they would not smell its

odor whereas its odor would be smelt from such and such distance."[1]

5. The fifth condition is that the *hijab* must not be *zinah* (adornment) in and of itself.

Shaykh al-Albanee said in his explanation of the following verse:

"O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their jalabeebs (veils) all over their bodies"(V.33:59)

"What meant by *jilbab*[2] is to cover the adornment of the woman. Therefore, it is unreasonable that the *jilbab* itself be an adornment."

It is therefore prohibited to wear makeup in front of men who are not *mahrams*. It is also prohibited to remove any hairs

(1) Narrated by Muslim (2128), Ahmed (8451) and Malik (1694).
(2) *Jilbab* is a long Arabic gown. (The translator)

from the eyebrows, as the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: Allah has cursed those women who practice tattooing and those who get themselves tattooed, and those who remove their face hairs, and those who create a space between their teeth artificially to look beautiful, and such women as change the features created by Allah. Why then should I not curse those whom the Prophet has cursed? And that is in Allah's Book. i.e. His Saying: 'And what the Apostle gives you take it and what he forbids you abstain (from it)."[1]

The "curse" of Allah is to be deprived of the His Mercy. May Allah protect us from that!

6. The *hijab* that is worn must not resemble the dress of men.

Ibn Abbas ﷺ narrated: "The Prophet cursed the effeminate men and those women

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhari (5481) and Muslim (2965).

who assume the similitude (manners) of men. He also said, "Turn them out of your houses." He turned such-and-such person out, and 'Umar also turned out such-and-such person. ".[1]

Abu Hurairah said: "The Prophet ﷺ cursed the man who wears the dress of a woman and the woman who wears the dress of a man"[2]

7. The *hijab* that is worn must not be perfumed.

The Prophet said: "Any woman who perfumes herself and passes by a group of people and they smell her scent, then she is an adulteress."[3]

Odorless deodorants should be used.

(1) Narrated by Al-Bukhari (4535), At-Tirmidhi (2708), Abu Dawud (3574) and Ibn Majah (1894).

(2) Narrated by Abu Dawud (4031).

(3) At-Tirmidhi (2710), Al-Nasaee (5036), Abu Dawud (3642), Ahmed (18757), (18879), and Al-Darrami (2532) and declared hassan by Al-Albanee in *Ghaiat Al Maram*.

8. The *hijab* that is worn shouldn't be worn for the purpose of attracting attention – so that it becomes a garment of fame.

A garment of fame is any garment which makes its wearer famous among the people. This includes a garment that is very expensive, making its wearer well known for his high class, and it includes a garment that is of very low quality, to indicate asceticism. A person may wear clothes with distinct colors so as to draw attention to himself.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "The one who wears a garment to gain worldly fame, Allah will dress him in a garment of humility on the Day of Resurrection"[1]

9. The *hijab* that is worn should not resemble the garments of non-believing women.

(1) Narrated by Ibn Majah (3596), (3597), (3598), Abu Dawud (3511) and Ahmed (5406), (5965).

The Muslim woman should not make all of her concern the latest fashion. She is not concerned with what women are wearing in the West.

The Prophet said: "Whosoever resembles a people, then he is one of them."[1] The Prophet's tradition incites us to be different from the non-believers. There are many other *ahadeeth* of similar meaning.

Abdullah bin Umar- may Allah be pleased with him- said: "Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) saw me wearing two clothes dyed in saffron. He said: These are the clothes (usually worn by) the non-believers, so do not wear them."[2]

(1) Narrated by Abu Dawud (3512) and Ahmed (4868), (4869), (5409).
(2) Narrated by Muslim (2077).

Beware... of a Fake Hijab

Dear Muslim sister:

If we consider the previous conditions, we will find that many of the so-called "*muhajabat*" (women who wear *hijab*), are really not *muhajabat* at all. The enemies of Islam have embellished what they allegedly call "compromise." They call for a *muhajabah* that wears "*hijab*" (therefore pleasing God), and at the same time preserves her elegance and fashion.

Allah wishes to accept your repentance, but those who follow their lusts, wish that you (believers) should deviate tremendously away (from the Right Path). Allah wishes to lighten (the burden) for you; and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave sexual intercourse with woman.) (V.4:27-28)

In our times, it is unfortunately not strange to see a woman uncovering her neck, arms or legs, and at the same time, considering herself *muhajabah*.

Nor is it strange to see one wearing tight pants or a belt on her waist alleging that she is wearing clothing that pleases God!!

The Religion of Islam is Easy

Dear Muslim sister:

The *hijab* has been enjoined upon you; not to suppress and restrict you, but to honor and dignify you. Wearing the proper *hijab*, both shields you and protects the society from the appearance of mischief and the spreading the lewdness.

The *hijab* is not an obstacle in your life. Allah made his obedience easy. He ﷻ states:

"And has not laid upon you in religion any hardship." **(V.22:78)**

In obeying Him, there is the path of peace and pleasure. Allah said: ***"then whoever follows My Guidance he shall neither go astray, nor shall be distressed."*** **(V.20:123)** But for whoever disobeys Him– hardship. ***"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither***

***believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its teachings.) Verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection.*" (V.20:124)**

It is logical to believe that Allah would abandon the one who obeys Him. Whoever thinks so, has obviously mistrusted Allah, and thought very evilly of Him.

We hear, and We obey

The Muslim receives the orders of God and completes them with love and for the sake of the dignity of Islam, the glory of the Islamic law, and in obedience of the *sunnah*. Allah says:

"The only saying of the faithful believers, when they are called to Allâh (His Words, the Qur'an) and His Messenger ﷺ, to judge between them, is that they say: "We hear and we obey." And such are the successful (who will live forever in Paradise)." **(V.24:51)**

There are no options after the ordinance of Allah. There is no hesitation in submitting to His command.

So dear sister, if you are pleased with Allah as your Lord, Islam as your religion, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as your messenger, and his wives, daughters and the wives of

the believers as your role models, then do not hesitate! Repent! Hasten to submit to Allah's orders. Say what Moses said:

"And I hastened to You, O my Lord, that You might be pleased." **(V.20:84)**

Say as the believing men and women say in every time and place:

"And they say, "We hear, and we obey. (We seek) Your Forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return (of all)." **(V.2:285)**

Why....?!

O Muslim sister:

There is a question that often comes to mind.

Why did Allah create us in this world?

The answer is in the Qur'an

***"And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone)."*(V.51:56)**

Worshipping Allah is the reason that humanity was created and it is the reason the messengers were sent.

***"And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad ﷺ) but We revealed to him (saying): La ilaaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)."* (V.21:25)**

Mankind has been divided into two groups: one is in the Paradise, and the other is in Hell.

Worship is not limited to performing the prayer and fasting. It includes every action and saying that is loved by Allah. It includes all parts of life. Allah said:

"Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the 'Alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists). He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims." **(V.6:162-163)**

A story and a warning

Muslim sister:

Contemplate the following verse.

"(Remember) when the wife of 'Imran said: "O my Lord! I have vowed to You what (the child that) is in my womb to be dedicated for Your services (free from all worldly work; to serve Your Place of worship), so accept this from me. Verily, You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knowing." **(V.3:35)**

This righteous woman vowed that the child in her womb be dedicated to Allah. When she delivered a female child, she said:

"Then when she gave birth to her [child Maryam (Mary)], she said: "O my Lord! I have given birth to a female child," - and Allah knew better what she brought forth, - "And the male is

***not like the female, and I have named her Maryam (Mary), and I seek refuge with You (Allah) for her and for her offspring from Shaytan (Satan), the outcast ✪ So her Lord (Allah) accepted her with goodly acceptance."* (V.3:36-37)**

She realized that although a woman is not equal to a man in many fields of this worldly life, she may surpass him in worshipping Allah. Truly, Maryam, the daughter of 'Imran, is better that thousands, or even millions of men of our time.

O Muslim sister, draw near to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger. You will find out how much Islam honors you as a woman. You will find yourself preserved, as a pearl. You will learn the rules that are prescribed for you by Islam. You will learn your rights and obligations. Beware of believing every noisemaker with an opinion. One of them said: "We have

come to strip the *hijab* off the Muslim woman and cover the Qur'an with it"!!

All praises and thanks are for Allah, the Lord of '*Alameen* (mankind, jinn and all that exists)"

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